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1. An aviation fuel storage depot is reportedly situated some 600 to 700 meters northwest of the Vitanovic railroad station in Cacak, and approximately five kilometers northeast of the bridge which crosses the Zapadna Morava River. The stated fuel storage depot was allegedly built into the southern slope of an unspecified hill. The depot can reportedly be approached via the Kraljevo-Kragujevac road, which runs parallel to the Kraljevo-Kragujevac railroad line. The fuel depot is purported to be approximately 25 meters wide, 70 meters deep and to be covered with a layer of earth some 10 centimeters in thickness. Seven or eight ventilation shafts, each having a diameter of about 25 centimeters, were reported to project above the layer of earth. There was no evidence of an electric line leading into the depot; however, two gasoline-operated generators used for pumping purposes, were reportedly observed.

- The fuel storage depot, which allegedly has a capacity of 3,000 to 4,000 tons of aviation gasoline kept in an unspecified number of tanks, reportedly stores fuel for the Kraljevo (Rankovicevo) Airfield. This reserve fuel was purportedly part of the supplies delivered by the Western Allies to Trieste during 1948.
- 3. According to data furnished by informant, the fuel storage depot was strictly guarded by a detail of one commissioned officer, 30 noncommissioned officers and enlisted men, reported to be assigned officially to the Kraljevo (Rankovicevo) Airfield. Uniformed auxiliary guards were allegedly furnished by the Kraljevo Airfield. The fuel depot is surrounded by a barbed-wire fence two and one half meters high, with guard post watchtowers located at each corner. Approximately 100 meters of the outer enclosed area were restricted. Guards were posted at the outside entrance and at the top of each watchtower. Two patrols with watchdogs were also on duty during the time informant visited the area. Informant did not observe any antiaircraft battery emplacements in the vicinity.

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